

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q96434

Masaaki HIRANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/588,485

Group Art Unit: 1626

Confirmation No.: 8206

Examiner: Valerie Rodriguez-Garcia

Filed: August 4, 2006

For: PROPANE-1, 3-DIONE DERIVATIVE OR SALT THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**  
**AND THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement of March 18, 2009. Further, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages. A Petition and payment for a one month extension of time are being filed herewith, making this Response due on or before May 18, 2009.

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